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SUBJECT: TWO MORE DEATHS OF BLACKS HELD IN DETENTION

1. TWO DETAINEES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN PRISON IN JOHANNESBURG THIS PAST WEEKEND (JANUARY 8, 9). ONE ALLEGEDLY HANGED HIMSELF, WHILE SECOND "DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES". LATEST DEATHES BRING TOTAL WHO HAVE DIED IN PRISON IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE MARCH OF LAST YEAR TO 16, PLUS TWO IN TRANSKEI.

2. LATEST CASUALTIES WERE DR. NANOTH NTSHUNTSHA AND LAWRENCE NDZANGA, BOTH OF SOWETO. BOTH MEN HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE TERRORISM ACT AND WERE AWAITING COURT APPEARANCES.

3. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO SPECULATE WHETHER THESE LATEST DEATHS ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO POLICE VIOLENCE, BUT IN THE CASE OF MR. NDZANGA, HIS RELATIVELY ADVANCED AGE (52) AND THE FACT THAT THE POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY ALLOWING A PRIVATE AUTOPSY MAY INDICATE THAT HIS DEATH WAS INDEED DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES.

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